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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 1 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

11.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (review of sanctions)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m.	49th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [47].

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [97]

   (b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.9

2. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [96] (A/51/314, A/51/59, A/51/73, A/51/87, A/51/120, A/51/127, A/51/138, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/ 295, A/51/357, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/51/375 and A/51/ 529)

   (b) Agenda for development

      (i) Agenda for development (A/51/319, A/51/168 and Corr.1 and A/51/208-S/1996/543)

      (ii) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (A/51/485 and A/51/211-S/1996/551)

General discussion

afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposal A/C.2/51/L.8 (item 98)

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the twenty-fifth meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and dis-placed persons and humanitarian questions [105] (A/51/ 12, A/51/12/Add.1, A/51/329, A/51/341, A/51/367, A/51/454, A/51/206-S/1996/539)

Continuation of general discussion

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women) chaired by the Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Mr. Mohammad Masood Khan (Pakistan)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3

Programme planning [114]

Proposed medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001

(A/51/6 (fascicles), A/51/16 (Parts I and II), A/51/88 and A/51/6 (Perspective and (Note))

Continuation of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of an international criminal court [147]

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 3

Establishment of an international criminal court [147]

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [151]

Informal consultations

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Informal consultations	Conference Room 5

Draft resolution on the Establishment of an international criminal court [147]

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 1 November 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUP 2 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: COORDINATING BURREAU

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: on item 96 (e) (Human settlements (Habitat))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: on item 94 (d) (Commodities))

1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(Fourth Committee matters: item 87 (Questions relating to information))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal meeting

The Expert Inter-agency Meeting on Post-UNCED Institutional Arrangements will be held *today*, 1 November 1996, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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United Nations Development Programme

1996 Paul G. Hoffman Lecture

Mr. Robert Kuttner, founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Economic Policy Institute, Washington, founder and Co-editor of *The American Prospect*, contributing columnist to *Business Week*, syndicated columnist of *The Boston Globe*, author, and recipient of awards for excellence in business and financial journalism, will deliver the 1996 Paul G. Hoffman Lecture, on the subject "Global Competitiveness and Human Development: Allies or Adversaries?" *today*, 1 November 1996, from 6 to 7.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Permanent Representatives, members of delegations to the United Nations, representatives of the private sector, including financial institutions, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, media, academia, and United Nations staff are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 4 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 50th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee [23]:
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/360);
   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.13).
2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [44]:
   (a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/48);
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/228 and Add.1);
   (c) Draft resolution (A/51/48, sect. IV).

3 p.m. 51st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [44]:

(a) Report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly on the Mid-Term Review of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (A/51/48);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/228 and Add.1);

(c) Draft resolution (A/51/48, sect. IV).

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			SECOND COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4	3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m	15th meeting	Conference Room 4			

	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)			THIRD COMMITTEE	
10 a.m	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 8	3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

Informal consultations for interested delegations will be held on Monday, 4 November 1996, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8, to discuss a resolution relating to the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations (agenda item 86).

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 9th meeting on Tuesday, 5 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4 to begin consideration of agenda item 87 (Questions relating to information).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to agenda item 87 are kindly requested to notify the Secretariat (room S-3380, tel: 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee are open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. Nicole Pouilleul, tel.: 212-963-5700, fax: 212-963-5935).

Informal meeting of the Second Committee

There will be a briefing by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on trade and development, including follow-up to UNCTAD 9, on Monday, 4 November 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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The 1996 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Monday, 4 November 1996, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Tuesday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 1996 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Monday, 4 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G, ext. 3-2320/3-5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open beginning 28 October until 1 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: 3-2320 or 3-5973, fax: 212-963-5935, room S-2950G)).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

The next meetings of the resumed substantive session of 1996 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened from 13 to 14 November 1996. The provisional agenda for the resumed session is contained in document E/1996/93. The following items will be taken up as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1996/93)

   Selection of themes for the high-level, the coordination segment and the high-level segment on operational activities for development for the 1997 substantive session of the Council (E/1996/ 103)

2. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and Development [6 (i)] (E/1996/99, E/1996/L.26)

3. Coordination questions: reports of the coordination bodies [9 (a)] (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

4. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102)*

5. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields [11] (A/51/16 (Part II))

6. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: "Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" [13] (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1 and CRP.5)

7. Elections [14] (E/1996/95 and Corr.1, E/1996/L.15/Add. 2)

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* To be issued.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a closed meeting of the Commonwealth Permanent Representatives on Thursday, 7 November 1996, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of adraft resolution on Southern Hemisphere on Tuesday, 5 November 1996, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcements

The secretariat of the Open-ended High Level Working Group on the Strengthening of the United Nations System informs delegations that document WGNUS/CRP.3/Add.5 is now available in Room S-3380. This document represents Chapter V of the Compendium of proposals dealing with "Peace and Security".

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 31 October 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

47th plenary meeting

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Cape Verde, Chile, Cuba, Djibouti, El Salvador, France, Gambia, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, Mozambique, Spain, Turkey and Zambia were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.

Since two seats from among the Asian States and one seat from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting restricted to the countries which had obtained the largest number of votes in the first round of balloting, namely Indonesia (76), the Republic of Korea (118), Sri Lanka (90) and Vietnam (84) from among the Asian States and Bulgaria (61) and Latvia (116) from among the Eastern European States.

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Republic of Korea	128
Sri Lanka	91
Viet Nam	78
Latvia	138
Bulgaria	42

On the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Latvia and the Republic of Korea were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.

Since one seat from the Asian States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a third balloting restricted to the countries which had obtained the largest number of votes in the second round of balloting, namely Sri Lanka (91) and Vietnam (78).

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Sri Lanka	105
Viet Nam	63

As the results of the third ballot (second restricted) were inconclusive, before proceeding with the fourth ballot (third restricted ballot) in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, the Assembly decided, on a proposal by the Acting President, to postpone to the afternoon the balloting for one seat from among the Asian States.

48th plenary meeting

Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Since one seat from the Asian States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a fourth round of balloting restricted to the countries which had obtained the largest number of votes in the third round of balloting, namely Sri Lanka (105) and Viet Nam (63).

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Sri Lanka	112
Viet Nam	55

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Sri Lanka was elected a member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997.

The following eighteen States were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1997: Cape Verde, Chile, Cuba, Djibouti, El Salvador, France, Gambia, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Latvia, Mexico, Mozambique, the Republic of Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Turkey and Zambia.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 15.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [97]

(a) *Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on environment and development*

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/51/L.10

The Committee resumed consideration of agenda item 97, sub-item (a).

The representative of Costa Rica introduced the draft resolution (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Colombia (on behalf of the members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [96]

(f) *Eradication of poverty*

(g) *Cultural development*

The Committee continued consideration of sub-item (f).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Gambia, Kuwait, Indonesia, Iraq, Sudan, Yemen, Mali, Peru, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Guyana, and Egypt.

The representative of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development made a statement.

The Assistant Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development responded to the statements made by delegations.

The Committee then began consideration of sub-item (g).

The Assistant Director General for Culture of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Thailand, Norway, Brazil (also on behalf of the Portuguese speaking countries, comprising Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and Sao Tome and Principe), Ghana, Republic of Korea, Canada and Sudan.

The Assistant Director General for Culture of UNESCO responded to the statements made by delegates.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda item 96, sub-items (f) and (g).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 105.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made an introductory statement.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees had a dialogue with the representatives of the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France, Ireland, Rwanda, Zaire, Cuba, Belgium, Burundi, Costa Rica and United Republic of Tanzania.

The Director, Department of Humanitarian Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), United States, Uganda, Japan, Israel, Ghana, Egypt, Mozambique and Hungary.

20th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [105]

The Committee continued its general discussion of agenda item 105.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Iceland), Argentina, Ethiopia and Iraq.

The observers for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the International Committee of the Red Cross made statements.

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 100.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.4

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia further orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Burkina Faso, Cuba, Guinea, Estonia, Honduras, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Madagascar, Mali, Pakistan, Thailand and Sudan hade joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 100.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 101.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.2

By its resolution 1996/8, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.2.

The Secretary read out corrections to the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement after the adoption of the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.6

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

The representative of Burundi further orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.8

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Italy.

It was announced that Australia, Bahamas, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chile, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Malta, Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Togo, had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected and revised.

The representative of the United States made a statement after the adoption of the draft resolution.

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime [158]

The Committee resumed its consideration of agenda item 158.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.10

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Belgium, Cape Verde, the Czech Republic, France, Lithuania, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United States and Uruguay, had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 158.

Right of reply

The representative of Rwanda made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Organization of work

The Chairperson reminded delegations that the deadline for submission of draft proposals on item 105 would be on Monday, 4 November at 6 p.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Human Resources Management [120]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, Cuba, Ukraine, the Philippines, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sierra Leone, Viet Nam, Zimbabwe, Germany, Egypt, Costa Rica, Japan and Algeria.

The Chairman spoke on a point of clarification.

The representative of Ukraine and Rapporteur of the Committee introduced draft decision A/C.5/51/L.9.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

Organization of Work

The Chairman made a statement.

17th meeting

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces Headquarters [129]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Armenia introduced draft resolutions A/C.5/51/L.7 and A/C.5/51/L.8.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolutions.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.5.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti [157]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.6.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Thailand, Zimbabwe, Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Mexico and Cuba.

The Controller replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Administration and Management made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on this agenda item.

Pattern of Conferences [118]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Cuba, Egypt, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States and Pakistan.

The Chairman of the Committee on Conferences made a concluding statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on thi agenda item.

Organization of Work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 28th meetin

Statements were made by the representatives of Hungary Liechtenstein, Mexico, Cuba, Greece, Algeria, the United King dom, Mongolia, Angola, Costa Rica, the United States, Belgium Philippines, Poland, Slovakia and China.

The Chairman also spoke.

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International Convention on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Fifty-eighth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 1996

1547th and 1548th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under articl 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee resumed and concluded the consideration o the third periodic report of Peru (CCPR/C/83/Add.1). In accord ance with rule 68 of the Rules of Procedure, representatives of th State party were present at the meetings, and replied to question raised and comments made by members of the Committee i connection with the report.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted b the General Assembly of the United Nations on 16 Decembe 1966

Accession: Thailand (29 October 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 10 December 1984

Ratification: Iceland (23 October 1996)*
Declaration under articles 21 and 22: Iceland (23 October 1996)*

Amendments to articles 17(7) and 18(5) of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties on 8 September 1992

Acceptance: Iceland (23 October 1996)*

United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, concluded at Vienna on 11 April 1980

Accession: Belgium (31 October 1996)*

Agreement Establishing the Common Fund for Commodities, concluded at Geneva on 27 June 1980

Ratification: Côte d'Ivoire (29 October 1996)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, opened for signature at Paris on 13 January 1993

Ratification: Hungary (31 October 1996)*

Entry into force of the Convention: 29 April 1997, in accordance with article 21(1) of the Convention.

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Cameroon
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Mpay
Charge d'affaires

Asian States:
Lebanon
H.E. Mr. Samir Moubarak

Eastern European States:
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
H.E. Mr. Denko Maleski

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
H.E. Miss M. Patricia Durrant

Western European and Other States:
Belgium
H.E. Mr. Alex Reyn

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